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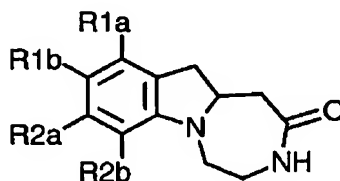
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Listing of Claims

Claims 1-18. Delete

- 5 Claim 19. (Currently Amended) A compound of the following formula:



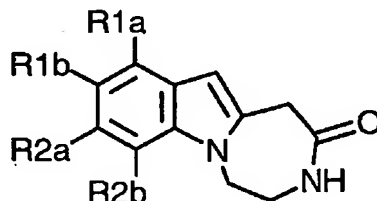
where R1a, R1b, R2a and R2b are each independently H, Cl, Br, I, F, CN, CF₃, OCF₃, C₁-C₄ alkyl, OR5, CONR5R6, COR5, CO[[2]]₂R5, Y(CH₂)_mXR5 or YC(O)(CH₂)_mXR5, where m = 0-3, Y = CH₂, S, O, or NR6, X = CH₂, S, O, or NR6; and

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R5 and R6 are each independently H, linear, branched or cyclic C₁-C₈ alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl groups or (CH₂)_pAr where p = 0-3 and Ar is aryl or heteroaryl, Ar being optionally substituted with one or more of the following: H, halogen, CN, NO₂, OR7, CF₃, OCF₃, SR7, SO₂R7, NR7R8, CONR7R8, COR7, or R7 where R7 and R8 are

15 each independently H, linear, branched or cyclic C₁-C₈ alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl groups, or (CH[[2]])_pPh where p = 0-3.

20. (Currently Amended) A compound of the following formula:



where R1a, R1b, R2a and R2b are each independently H, Cl, Br, I, F, CN, CF₃, OCF₃, C₁-C₄ alkyl, OR5, CONR5R6, COR5, CO[[2]]₂R5, Y(CH₂)_mXR5 or YC(O)(CH₂)_mXR5, where m = 0-3, Y = CH₂, S, O, or NR6, X = CH₂, S, O, or NR6, with the proviso that both R1 and R2 cannot be H; and

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R5 and R6 are each independently H, linear, branched or cyclic C₁-C₈ alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl groups or (CH₂)_pAr where p = 0-3 and Ar is aryl or heteroaryl, Ar being optionally substituted with one or more of the following: H, halogen, CN, NO₂, OR7, CF₃, OCF₃, SR7, SO₂R7, NR7R8, CONR7R8, COR7, or R7 where R7 and R8 are

5 each independently H, linear, branched or cyclic C₁-C₈ alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl groups, or (CH[[2]]₂)_pPh where p = 0-3.

Claims 21-27. Delete

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